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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ET US OTRA SCUL

SUBJECT: EXCHANGE PROGRAM: FY-74 IV MEDHANIE JOSEPH

REFS: STATE 47361; ASMARA 234

IN LIGHT PUBLIC ATTACK UPON SUBJECT IN ASMARA PRESS, INCLUDING DEMAND HIS PASSPORT BE WITHDRAWN AND ASSERTION THIS, IN FACT, ALREADY DONE AT INSTANCE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PROCEED AS FOLLOWS UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION:

1. CONTACT SUBJECT. EXPLAIN THAT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO MERITS OF CHARGES BEING LEVIED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS OR FACTIONS AS PART CURRENT ETHIOPIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROCESSES, USG COMPELLED AVOID ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT LAY IT OPEN TO ASSERTION OF INTER-FERENCE IN ETHIOPIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ACCORDINGLY, UNTIL AND UNLESS MATTER IN QUESTION CAN BE FULLY CLARIFIED, WE WILL REGRETFULLY BE UNABLE PROCEED WITH GRANT UNDER WHICH SUBJECT CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TRAVEL TO US APRIL 16.

2. FYI ONLY: WE HAVE CONSIDERED PROS AND CONS APPROACHING IEG TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SUBJECT. WE HAVE CONCLUDED, ON BALANCE, THAT OUR INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY APPROACH OUTLINED ABOVE. NOT KNOWING ENMITIES OR FRIENDSHIPS INVOLVED OR RAMIFICATIONS OF CASE AGAINST SUBJECT, WE THINK IT PREFERABLE NOT TO CONSTRAIN OURSELVES BY ANSWER OF UNKNOWN MOTIVATION WE LIKELY TO OBTAIN IN RESPONSE ANY DEMARCHE TO AUTHORITIES HERE. IF YOU HAVE OTHER VIEWS PLEASE ADVISE BEFORE PROCEEDING PER PARA 1 ABOVE. END FYI.

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3. INFORM EMBASSY OF DISCUSSION WITH MEDHANIE.

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